

**CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN UPDATE 2009**  
**CALIFORNIA TRIBAL WATER SUMMIT PLANNING TEAM**  
*Protect Our Sacred Water*  
**Highlights of March 13, 2009, Conference Call**

The fourth meeting of the California Tribal Water Summit Planning Team (PT) was a conference call on March 13, 2009. The meeting objectives were to debrief the two Regional Tribal Water Plenary Meetings to date; formulate work groups to advance Summit planning; and review a proposal for a financial sponsorship mechanism.

**Debrief: The First Two Regional Tribal Water Plenary Meetings**

The first Regional Tribal Water Plenary Meeting, held on March 4 in Weldon, covered the Greater Kern, Kings, Tule, and South Central Valley Waters. The second, held on March 10 in Redwood Valley, covered the North Coast Waters. Both meetings were well attended, with 42 people in Weldon and 36 in Redwood Valley. Both meetings had some non-Tribal government and organization participants, including members from local water agencies. Both meetings had in-depth discussions about regional Tribal water issues, including strategies and solutions for addressing them. Some of the lessons learned were to have some discussion before lunch; the need to keep people focused on water issues; the need to clearly distinguish when the Tribal caucus sessions begin; and that co-facilitation between a Tribal facilitator and CCP was well-received.

**Work Group Formation for Summit Planning**

Team members identified critical planning areas that need attention on a more regular basis than the monthly full Planning Team meetings. The Team agreed upon the need for people with experience and expertise in the planning areas, as well as energy and passion, to join the groups. It was agreed that the work groups will have regular, short (30 or 60 minute) facilitated conference calls, and prepare draft work products for approval by the entire Planning Team at the full monthly meetings. Team members volunteered for each work group, including:

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| 1. Budgeting and Sponsorship                 | 7. Entertainment (e.g., banquet, film)                    |
| 2. Vendors and Exhibitors                    | 8. Education (closely linked to many parts of the Summit) |
| 3. Presenters and Speakers                   | 9. The Tribal Water Stories Project                       |
| 4. Invitations and Registration              | 10. Evaluation  |
| 5. Logistics - Travel, Accommodations, Meals |   |
| 6. Summit Materials (e.g., program book)     |   |

**Discussion: Financial Sponsorship Mechanism**

Team members discussed options for a pass-through vehicle for Tribes and organizations to make donations in support of the Summit. The group expressed its appreciation for an offer from Ninisaan, a Tribal non-profit, and proposed to do some additional research before making a final decision. It was noted that State agencies could use the Center for Collaborative Policy as a pass-through vehicle because the Center is part of California State University Sacramento – also a State agency.

***The next PT meeting will be on Friday, April 10, from 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM, at the Center for Collaborative Policy, 815 S Street, First Floor, Sacramento. An agenda, call-in number and GoToMeeting link will be provided for the meeting.***